

## Editorial

### *In the aftermath of disgrace*

The just-concluded summit was without doubt the nadir in the history of the republican United States. From the bumbling, pathetic performance of a President no longer fit for office, and the deliberately vicious satire of him by the Soviets before their own television public, to the ritual conclusion of the U.S. betrayal of her NATO allies in the last ceremonies attached to the infamous Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty.

Probably there are few in the West who did not cringe at, at least, some point in the hideous affair: whether it was when Nancy Reagan flounced before the cameras demanding to be heard giving her views on the religious significance of Russian icons, or the offer of a job in the Soviet movie industry to her soon-to-be-unemployed husband. This media extravaganza signaled that for now, at any rate, the United States is in receivership—politically as well as economically bankrupt.

Gorbachov complained at the waste of a good opportunity, that the process of appeasement was not carried to a new level. In his words, no new ground was broken. Nonetheless, behind the scenes, 600 “government” officials were busy conducting the real business, and concluding God knows what new atrocities, to be sprung upon the rest of us in time.

The only bright side of the debacle is the opportunity which it gives us to organize an effective resistance, to what otherwise will be consolidated as the end of the 200-year republican experiment that was the United States of America. What else is the touting of two candidates for the presidency, Bush and Dukakis, who are widely recognized as ciphers—place-holders for what will have become a purely ceremonial office?

The charade of constitutional government may be maintained, but the reality will have become government by committee, from behind the scenes.

The picture of the frail and confused President Reagan calls to mind the image of Franklin Roosevelt at Yalta. In both instances, the Soviets were willing to brutally exploit the infirmity of the U.S. head of state.

The question to be answered, however, is: How was this permitted, by those in a position to know that neither Roosevelt then, nor Reagan now, was fit to carry the weight of such responsibility?

For an indication of the answer, we refer the reader back to last week’s cover story. In Roosevelt’s day, there was a nasty nest of conspirators in the government, typified by Henry Wallace and Harry Hopkins, who represented the interests of a broad grouping we call the Trust. Their aim was to ensure that the same oligarchic, balance-of-power politics remained in place, that had already caused two world wars. These same policies are today bringing us to the brink of World War III.

Today, we find that the masterminds of President Reagan’s disarmament-appeasement strategy, from Albert Wohlstetter, to his protégé Richard Perle, to the rest of his foreign policy team, have been masterminding the road to appeasement for at least 30 years. For example, in 1957, Wohlstetter and Andrew Marshall, another member of that gang, issued the Gaither committee “finding,” that the United States could no longer hope to maintain the capability of massive retaliation against the Soviets.

This monstrous lie was the first step in charting the road to capitulation, which just ended in Moscow. It was this defeatist approach which led to the Kennedy-campaign claim of a missile gap between the United States and the Soviet Union. Remember, Wohlstetter was one of Jack Kennedy’s defense experts! Was it the false claim that the Soviets were ahead of the United States, that led him to blink when he faced Khrushchov over the Cuban missile crisis? This same gang crafted James Schlesinger’s insane doctrine that we had entered an era of limited wars—a doctrine intended to justify removal of the nuclear umbrella from Europe.

If the United States is effectively destroyed as a republican nation, the whole of Western civilization will go down with it. We must declare all-out war on this gang of traitors and their masters, who led us step-by-step to this debacle.